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In re Patent Application of) **BOX AF**
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Application No.: 09/155,982) Group Art Unit: 1645
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For: MEANS FOR DETECTING) Confirmation No.: 9420
BACTERIA OF THE TAYLORELLA)
EQUIGENITALIS SPECIES AND)
THEIR BIOLOGICAL)
APPLICATIONS)

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Sir:

In complete response to the Final Office Action mailed October 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace claims 17, 19, 23, 26-28, 30 and 38 as follows.

17. (Thrice Amended) Isolated monoclonal antibodies or their Fv, Fab, and F(ab')² fragments, which recognize an epitope of a bacterium of each of seven wild-type strains of the species *Taylorella equigenitalis* (*T. equigenitalis*), and which do not exhibit a crossed reaction with *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus equi*, *Pasteurella haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Actinobacillus equuli*.